

47. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
Braley OF Iowa, OR HIS
DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES:

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1585, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. BRALEY OF IOWA**

At the end of subtitle B of title V, add the following
new sections

1 SEC. 5____. STUDY OF FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A
2 PILOT PROGRAM ON FAMILY-TO-FAMILY SUP-
3 PORT FOR FAMILIES OF MEMBERS OF THE
4 NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVES UNDER-
5 GOING DEPLOYMENT.

6 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Defense shall carry
7 out a study to evaluate the feasibility and advisability of
8 establishing a pilot program on family-to-family support
9 for families of members of the National Guard and Re-
10 serves undergoing deployment, including assessments of—

11 (1) the effectiveness of family-to-family support
12 programs in—

13 (A) the early identification and prevention
14 of family problems for families of members of
15 the National Guard and Reserve who are de-
16 ployed;

17 (B) the provision of peer support for such
18 families;

1 (C) reducing adverse outcomes for children
2 of such families, including poor academic per-
3 formance, behavioral problems, and the adverse
4 consequence of stress and anxiety; and

5 (D) improving family readiness and post-
6 deployment transition for such families;

7 (2) the feasibility and advisability of utilizing
8 spouses of members of the Armed Forces to act as
9 counselors for spouses and families of members of
10 the National Guard and Reserve who are deployed in
11 order to assist such spouses and families in coping
12 with the deployment of such members throughout
13 their deployment cycle; and

14 (3) the best practices for training spouses of
15 members of the Armed Forces to act as counselors
16 for spouses and families of members of the National
17 Guard and Reserve who are deployed.

18 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
19 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
20 shall submit to Congress a report containing the results
21 of the study conducted under subsection (a).

1 **SEC. 5___. STUDY REGARDING IMPROVING SUPPORT SERV-**
2 **ICES FOR CHILDREN, INFANTS, AND TOD-**
3 **DLERS OF MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL**
4 **GUARD AND RESERVE UNDERGOING DEPLOY-**
5 **MENT.**

6 (a) STUDY REQUIRED.—

7 (1) STUDY.—The Secretary of Defense shall
8 conduct a study to evaluate the feasibility and advis-
9 ability of entering into a contract or other agree-
10 ment with a private sector entity having expertise in
11 the health and well-being of families and children,
12 infants, and toddlers in order to enhance and de-
13 velop support services for children of members of the
14 National Guard and Reserve who are deployed.

15 (2) TYPES OF SUPPORT SERVICES.—In con-
16 ducting the study, the Secretary shall consider the
17 need—

18 (A) to develop materials for parents and
19 other caretakers of children of members of the
20 National Guard and Reserve who are deployed
21 to assist such parents and caretakers in re-
22 sponding to the adverse implications of such de-
23 ployment (and the death or injury of such mem-
24 bers during such deployment) for such children,
25 including the role such parents and caretakers

1 can play in addressing and mitigating such im-
2 plications;

3 (B) to develop programs and activities to
4 increase awareness throughout the military and
5 civilian communities of the adverse implications
6 of such deployment (and the death or injury of
7 such members during such deployment) for
8 such children and their families and to increase
9 collaboration within such communities to ad-
10 dress and mitigate such implications;

11 (C) to develop training for early child care
12 and education, mental health, health care, and
13 family support professionals to enhance the
14 awareness of such professionals of their role in
15 assisting families in addressing and mitigating
16 the adverse implications of such deployment
17 (and the death or injury of such members dur-
18 ing such deployment) for such children; and

19 (D) to conduct research on best practices
20 for building psychological and emotional resil-
21 iency in such children in coping with the de-
22 ployment of such members.

23 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
24 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense

- 1 shall submit to Congress a report containing the results
- 2 of the study conducted under subsection (a).